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In re Application of

Paul Leonard Miller

Application No. 10/804,604 : ON PETITION

Filed: March 18, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 22082-3001

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed June 6, 2005.

The petition is GRANTED.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers, mailed June 2, 2004, which set an extendable period for reply of two months for applicant to file replacement drawings. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, no reply to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers having been received, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 3, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 18, 2005. Applicant

With the instant petition, petitioner paid the petition fee, made the proper statement of unintentional delay, and submitted the required reply in the form of replacement drawings.

The Revocation and Power of Attorney submitted with the petition has been entered. Future correspondence concerning this application will be mailed to the above address of record.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for pre-examination processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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